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TAGS: PEPR PLOS GR TU ICJ
SUBJECT: AEGEAN DISPUTE: ICJ RECEIVES TURKISH LETTER

REF: 77 THE HAGUE 3622 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT TURKISH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE SENT A
LETTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE APRIL 24,
ASSERTING THAT THE COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION IN THE AEGEAN
DISPUTE AND AND SETTING OUT TURKISH VIEW THAT AEGEAN DISPUTE
SHOULD BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION. LETTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT
FRANK AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL GREECE WITHDREW ITS APPLICATION
TO THE COURT. TURKISH LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO UNSC RECOM-
MENDATION THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD SOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY
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2. APRIL 24 WAS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TURKISH COUNTER-
MEMORIAL (REFTEL). ICJ COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 26 SAID THAT
GREECE WOULD PRESENT ITS ORAL ARGUMENTS SUPPORTING ITS CLAIM
OF ICJ JURISDICTION ON OCTOBER 4, 1978.

3. TEXT OF ICJ COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, ACCEDING TO A REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, HAS FIXED 4 OCTOBER 1978 AS THE DATE FOR THE OPENING OF HEARINGS ON THE QUESTION OF THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING THE AEGEAN SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF INSTITUTED BY GREECE AGAINST TURKEY ON 10 AUGUST 1976.

IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT, AN ORDER OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1976, THE COURT HAD DECIDED THAT THE WRITTEN PLEADINGS IN THE CASE SHOULD FIRST BE ADDRESSED TO THE QUESTION OF ITS JURISDICTION. BY AN ORDER OF 14 OCTOBER 1976 IT HAD FIXED TIME-LIMITS FOR THE FILING OF THESE PLEADINGS. THE ORIGINAL TIME-LIMITS WERE EXTENDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT BY AN ORDER OF 18 APRIL 1977 HAVING REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FILED ITS MEMORIAL WITHIN THE EXTENDED PERIOD. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY DID NOT FILE A COUNTER-MEMORIAL WITHIN THE TIME-LIMIT FIXED FOR THE PURPOSE, WHICH EXPIRED ON 24 APRIL 1978, BUT ON THAT DATE THE REGISTRAR OF THE COURT RECEIVED A LETTER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, BELIEVING THE COURT TO BE WITHOUT JURISDICTION, INFORMED THE COURT THAT IT DID NOT INTEND TO APPOINT AN AGENT OR SUBMIT A COUNTER-MEMORIAL.

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